

Police Science

Associate of Applied Science

65-66 credit hours

The Police Science Associate of Applied Science is designed to equip certified police officers with a comprehensive knowledge of the governmental structures, limitations, and theoretical underpinnings of the American criminal justice system. This curriculum is intended as a terminal occupational degree program for students who are incumbents in governmental police agencies at the local, state or national level. The balanced liberal arts emphasis this degree, which includes the study of law, criminal justice, social sciences, humanities, behavioral sciences, natural sciences and general education courses, will provide graduates a broader understanding of the criminal justice system than is currently practical within the confines of police certification or licensure programs. Upon program completion students will be able to:

- Describe the historical development, roles, interrelationships, and criminal justice system functions of agencies, actors, structures, and operations of criminal justice agencies.
- Identify and describe major national measures of crime and major theories on causes of criminality.
- Explain functions of criminal laws, Constitutional limitations on laws, and application of laws in criminal courts.
- Identify current trends in crime, police techniques, offender sentencing, corrections practices, and offender reintegration.

Any student who is ineligible for state, national, or industry licensure or certification is ineligible for entry into this program.

Institutional and Related Requirements – 7 hours

UNIV 101 - Freshman Seminar – 3

MATH 104 - Preparatory Algebra – 4

New Mexico General Education Common Core (NMGECC) – 18 or 19 hours

I. Communicating Effectively – 6 hours

Required Courses:

ENG 102 - English Composition – 3

COMM 101 - Interpersonal Communication – 3

or COMM 102 - Public Speaking – 3

II. Social Science – 9 hours

Recommended Courses:

PSCI 102 - American National Government – 3

PSY 101 - Introductory Psychology – 3

SOC 101 - Introductory Sociology – 3

or any three Social Sciences from different disciplines listed in the NMGECC

III. Humanities – 3 or 4 hours

Any language course in the NMGECC

Technical Requirement – 41 hours

Successful completion of training at the New Mexico State Police (NMSP) Academy, New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS) Academy, the United States Border Patrol Basic Training Program (USBPI), the Federal Air Marshal Basic Training Program (FAMTP), or the Land Management Basic Police Training Program (LMPT) will equate to 30 credit hours toward the technical requirements. Military Police may also qualify but must meet the same qualifications as required by NMDPS and will be considered on a case by case basis.

CJ 102/SOC 102 - Introduction to Criminal Justice – 3

CJ 205 - Criminal Procedures – 3

CJ 299 - Programmatic Capstone – 1

and a Foreign Language – 4